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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: BRIEFINGS FOR CODEL WOLFF ON
IBMND ACTIVITIES

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C. STATE 135878

1. ALTHOUGH WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE NEED FOR CAREFUL
PRESENTATION AND HANDLING, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE
NECESSARY TO PROVIDE CODEL WOLFF WITH A RATHER EXTEN-
SIVE BRIEFING ON THE ROC AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.
MOREOVER, CODEL MAY REINFORCE SOME OF THE POINTS WE
HAVE BEEN MAKING TO THE ROC.

2. ACCORDINGLY, SUBJECT TO DEPT APPROVAL, WE PLAN TO
OFFER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. GRC'S COMMENDABLE NARCOTICS CONTROLS ON TAIWAN: IN
DESCRIBING SITUATION WITHIN TAIWAN, INCLUDING US FORCES,
WE INTEND TO EMPHASIZE THE UNQUALIFIED COOPERATION AND
EXCELLENT RECORD OF GRC.

B. PRC AND NARCOTICS: WOLFF HIMSELF APPARENTLY IS VERY
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SKEPTICAL (PAGE 12 OF HIS JULY 26 REPORT). WE WILL EX-

PLAIN USG POSITION, INCLUDING REASONS WHICH LEAD US TO CONCLUDE WU SHU-JEN IS AN INTELLIGENCE FABRICATOR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP BACK-UP MATERIAL ON GENERAL ISSUE OF PRC AND INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. WE SHOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO POINT OUT TO GRC THEIR MANEUVERING ON THIS ISSUE WILL NOT WASH.

C. IBMND ACTIVITIES IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE: ALTHOUGH HIS JULY 26 REPORT MENTIONS ONLY CIF AND NOT IBMND, WE ASSUME WOLFF WILL HAVE HEARD RUMORS AND WILL KNOW OF GUB STATEMENTS ON THIS ISSUE. IN OUR PRESENTATION, WE WILL NOTE THAT WE TOO HAVE SEEN NEWS REPORTS FROM BURMA OF UNHELPFUL IBMND ACTIVITY IN GOLDEN TRIANGLE. THESE ARE BEING CHECKED OUT AT THE SOURCE. WE HAVE LEFT THE GRC IN NO DOUBT AS TO OUR POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS

TRAFFICKING AND ARE PREPARED TO FOLLOW UP VIGOROUSLY IF THE BURMESE ACCOUNTS PROVE TRUE. WE WILL SUGGEST THAT IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH GRC OFFIKZALS, WOLFF--WITHOUT MENTIONING IBMND OR DETAILS--LEAVE NO DOUBT AS TO THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH USG AND US PUBLIC VIEWS INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING OR INVOLVEMENT, EXPLAIN THE IMPORT OF SECTION 481 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, AND NOTE US CONGRESSIONAL DETERMINATION THAT IT BE ENFORCED TO THE HILT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP DEPT'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSED APPROACH, TOGETHER WITH BACK-UP MATERIAL ON PRC ASPECT (PARA 2A), AND INFORMATION ON DEGREE TO WHICH WOLFF OR OTHER CODEL MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON OR MAY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF IBMND ASPECTS.

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